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Private practice of medical Officers

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Extract of para 4 from the Dewans Subtr note 20.1.14 in Med file 128-13 :-

"The 1st Councillor further suggests the desirability of preventing all medical officers directly in charge of, or working in Hospitals and dispensaries from taking up

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private practice. This proposal will be considered Separately."

Asst Sec. M.V.
20.1.14.

2 Dewan's order :—

or Secretary. Attention is invited to para 4

Asst Sec. M.V.
24.1.14

3 Asst Secy's order :—

or Take action on para 4"

Asst A.V.R
27.1.14

4 Submitted :—

All the Governments in British India Seem to allow private practice to all medical officers except the few that may be debarred from such practice for Special reasons in each case. It is thus open to Govt to prohibit any class of medical officers from taking up private practice Para 3 (a) of the rules issued with G.O No. 7332-72 Med 89-06-5] of 24.2.10 lays down as follows :—

"All members of the medical Service are allowed private practice So far as may be Compatible with the proper discharge of their public duties, unless Such practice is expressly forbidden in particular cases"

may if necessary be Verified by a reference to the Senior Surgeon. In Madras, however this is the rule.

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Para 3(b) of the rules debars certain medical officers from private practice. By a recent order the Supdt of the Lunatic Asylum, Bangalore has been prohibited from taking up private practice.

The measure suggested by the 1st Councillor if it is perfectfully rightd, may not cause much inconvenience in the cities of Bangalore & Mysore and in places where there are Chemist Shops. But in places where there is only a L.F. dispensary – especially in out-of the way places – much inconvenience to the public Seems to result by debarring the medl officer in charge from taking up private practice as that will compel all patients to go to the dispensary for medical aid – even those who can well afford to call in the services of a medical officer at their own residence on payment of the fee demanded of them

7 In this connection refee is also invited to contained in med file 89-06, para 8 of the note by Rao B. V Ranjendrah – 1st Councillor recorded by him in his capacity as the Chief Judge of the Chief Court of Mysore with refee to the draft of the rules regulating fees for medical attendance circulated to

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the Heads of Depts and Dy Commrs of Drafts for opinion.

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8 Draft inviting the opinion of the Senior Surgeon and of the Dy Comrs in this matter write, if approved, be put up

B.S

Benjamin Thomas
15/4.

2nd Member) Yes

~~Practicable in Burma?~~ Yes

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10 Draft

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11 Draft Subtd

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20.4.14

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12 Sec 4/

I venture to suggest that the practicability of the proposal in Mysore at the present day may be further examined here in unofficial consultation with the Senior Surgeon before the opinions of officers are officially called for as proposed. The pay of the Medical officers has been fixed I believe, with due regard to the privilege of private practice. Should this be prohibited generally, a general increase of pay all round should equitably follow

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logically follow. Yet the public may be denied of quick medical aid in most places in which private practitioners duly qualified have not yet settled down.

13. The question seems to admit of consideration at present only in regard to Bangalore Bombay Mysore where private practitioners may be available their number also will have to be ascertained if the course suggested herein meet with the approval of the Second Member.

D. M. Narasinga Rao
Asst 23/4/14

Second member) 14/5 - Agreed.

Illegible
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Asst 1/5

15 Forwarded unofficially to the Senior Surgeon for favour of opinion

By order.

Benjamin Illegible
Asst Secy to Govt.
Ecclesiastical Dept.

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16. The prevention of all Medical Officers directly in charge of or working in Hospitals & Dispensaries, from taking up private practice, does not seem to be desirable for the following reasons.-

(1) Such a wholesale prohibition obtains no where in India.

(2) If adopted in Mysore it will have to be necessarily followed by an all round increase of pay to Medical Officers and Subordinates by at least 50%

(3) Even if the Government be prepared to bear the additional expenditure, it is doubtful if the object aimed at will be secured. On the contrary it may give room to undesirable practices.

(4) In mofussil places where there are no Medical Practitioners other than those in charge of Government medical institutions, the rule suggested will deprive such of the people as may not be able to go to the dispensary, for any reason whatever, of medical aid altogether.

(5) Even in the cities of Bangalore and Mysore, which may boast of a few private practitioners, there is no reason why the public should be denied the benefit of the experience gained by the Medical Officers in charge of or working

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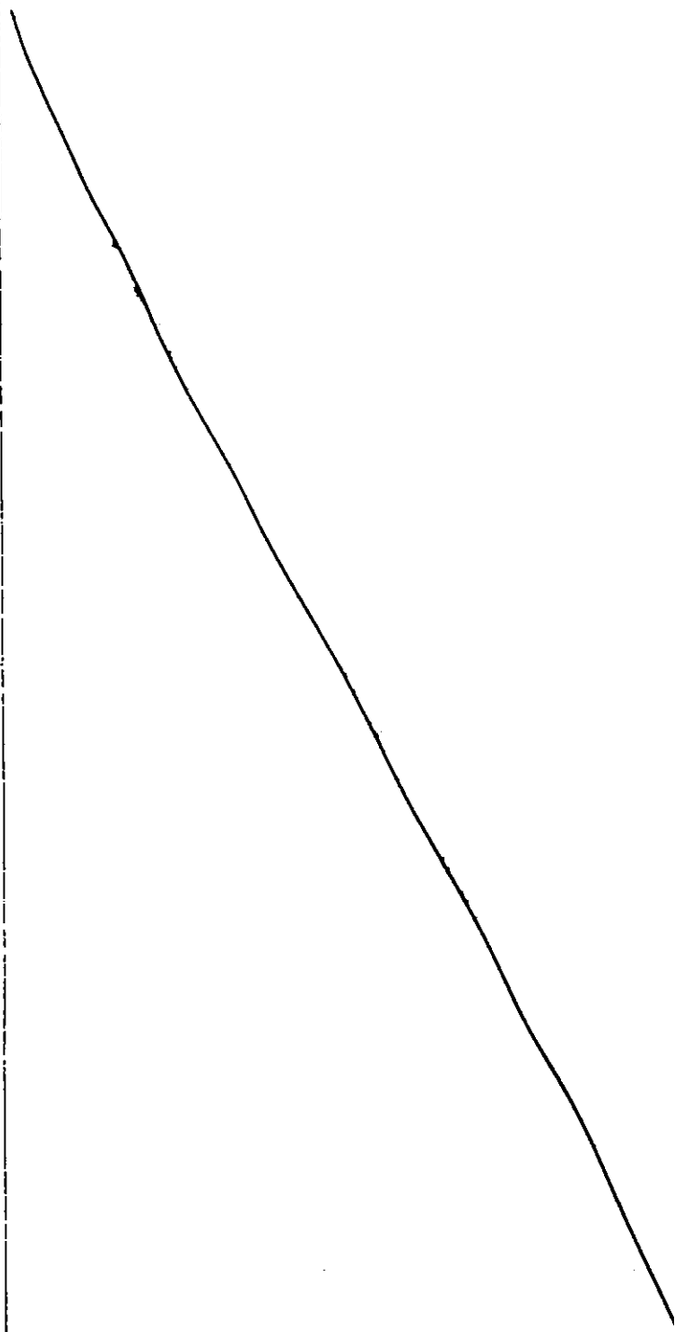

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17 Subtd for orders with refce to the U.O. reply from the Senior Surgeon.

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8.5.14
Lee 7/

Dm
12/5

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Reference.

Paragraphs 1 & 2.

The Senior Surgeon is entirely opposed to the change suggested. The existing rules whereby Govt can prohibit private practice in Outstation instances seem to be elastic & sufficient. at any rate The consideration of the proposal may wait until the private practitioners multiply in number and represent hardships to themselves

D. M. Narasimha Rao
12/5
Dm
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Diwan through the Second member of Council

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26.5.14

19 I quite agree
Lee Dm 26/5
21/5
Dm

20 I also agree.
4.7.14 Lee Dm 4/7
Dm 4/7

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File re-subd for orders The paper is approved may be subd to 1st member also with reference to para of these notes taken recorded —

Dm
4/7 Dy Secy 6/7/14

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22. Subd to 1st member for information
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The question may be dropped I did not seriously ~~to~~ believe that my suggestion would be accepted I merely put it in to draw attention to the habit of certain medical officers whom of course I shall not name, who make it a point of being unpleasant if not worse to patients resorting to them in hospitals and dispensaries so as to turn non-paying public patients into paying private ones. I still think that it is worth devising some remedy to minimise this evil

10/7/14.

Sent 10/7

to 10/7

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Subd. The papers may be filed unless any action in regard to the last sentence of 1st member's note is considered necessary

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10/7. Yes The papers may be filed As the 1st member distinctly says in the first question sentence that the question may be dropped

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